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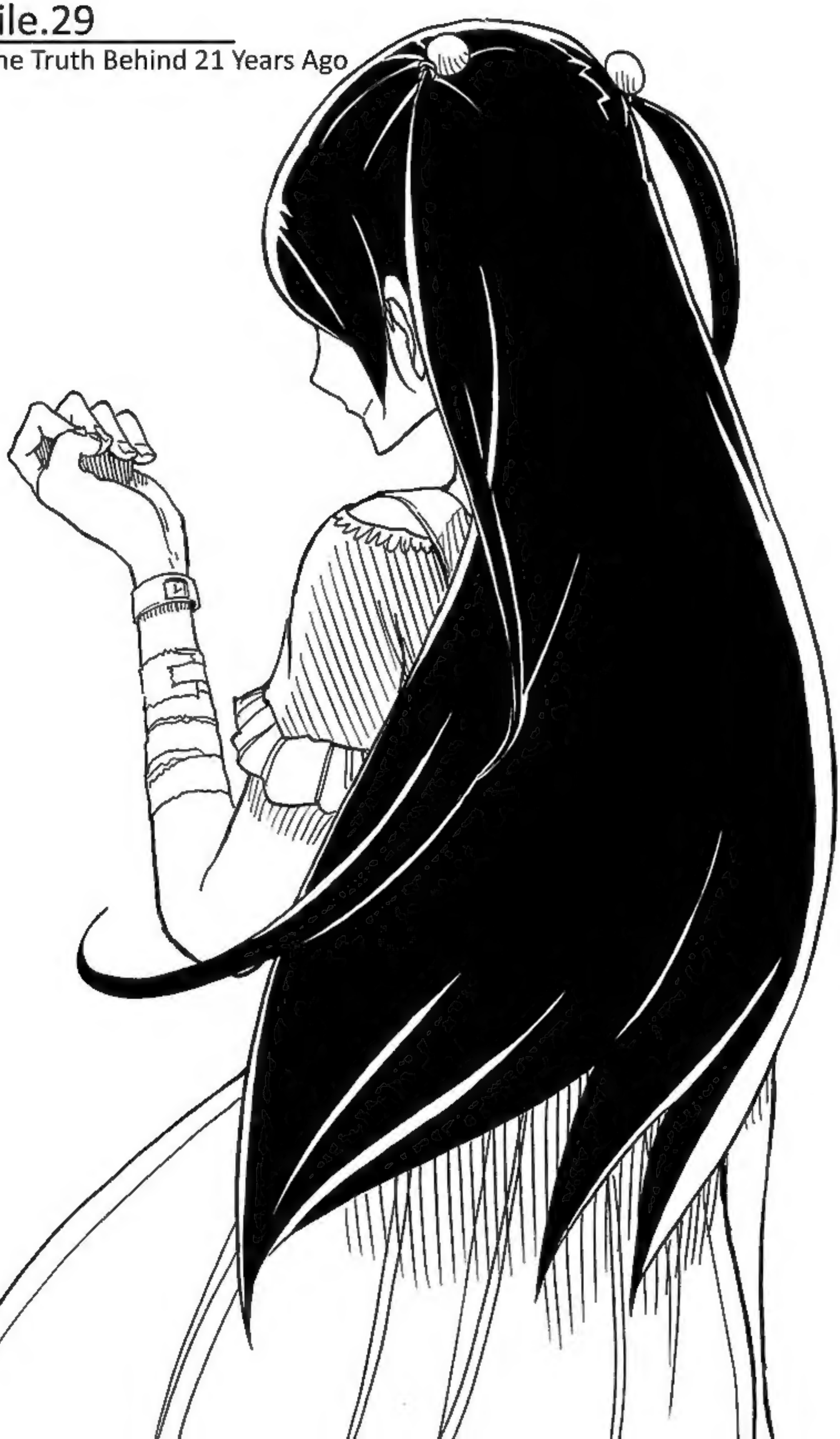

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AND THESE ARE...

IT'S THOSE THREE PEOPLE FROM BEFORE...

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THEY'RE JUST EMPTY SHELLS FORMED BY ICE, HUH.

THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME FACE.

These people seemed to think that as long as they froze me, my movements would be limited...

CRUMBLE

NO... YOU'RE SASAKI SHIJYUUROU'S MEMORY, RIGHT?

YOU'RE THE SASAKI SHIJYUUROU FROM 21 YEARS AGO...

The ones that are frozen were only illusions.

The real me exists in another dimension. They didn't seem to understand that.

She seems to be a very special existence... that girl...

Being able to travel between the two worlds so easily...

...You heard that from the girl over there, didn't you?

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It was originally supposed to store part of the electric generators.

It's part of the dam.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

I HAD TO GIVE IT MY ALL TO DO IT.

and suggested putting the coil that was floating around the lake

...That person suddenly returned to Yasogami around 10 years ago

in here.

...Actually, the person who really knew about this place was the me from 21 years later...

The plan was changed, all the exits were sealed, and it became an empty room.

Because my father was involved in constructing the dam, I knew about this place.

We easily believed him and carried out his proposal.

Before this, we were worried because the coil was always being targeted by people with ill intentions.

As to why only I survived, I also had my doubts.

...Never knowing this was all just a trap...

As you know, in areas outside the fog we're completely powerless existences.

10 days ago we finally opened the tunnel toward the ground.

Using the sound of the flowing water, we spent a long time slowly chipping away at the cement bit by bit.

and used cement to seal the entrance.

He relied on this weakness

...We can't freely appear in this world.

I swore I would take revenge.

Against that person who betrayed us

and towards this world where that person exists.

...I discovered

that this ice has the power to freeze the "time" of anyone who touches it.

THIS WORLD?

AREN'T YOU EXAGGERATING TOO MUCH?

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And the "time" of everyone that was frozen inside the ice...

Which is the world that we exist in, will continue to flow.

The longer that "time" is frozen

and as the amount of memory that was devoured increases,

our world expands with it.

...A BUNCH OF HOPELESS BASTARDS...

...IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO IS TAKE THIS WORLD AND PUT IT OVER THERE.

And with our world being expanded, it means we can be released from the boredom that can drive a person insane.

PLEASE WAIT, KYOMA-SAN!

ALL COILS GET ON MY NERVES!

THIS IS WHY I HATE "NUMBERS"! NO...

PLEASE, LOOK AT THAT.

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DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DO BEFORE THAT?

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

DON'T STOP ME, SCRAP METAL!

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Ryoko?

What is it?

...And everyone, you're all here...

You were the person who opened the floodgates for "Number One Dam" back then...

You were...

...I...I ...I heard...

HM?

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THE ACCIDENT FROM 21 YEARS AGO WAS SAID TO BE CAUSED BY THE SUDDEN BAD WEATHER AND THE OPENING OF THE FLOODGATES FROM THE NUMBER ONE DAM.

AN ABANDONED DAM SITUATED UPSTREAM FROM THIS ONE.

"NUMBER ONE DAM"?

Right?

Why would you... you would never do something like that!

That's a lie right, Shiro!?

Sign: Number One Dam control room

第一ダム管制室

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ONLY THEN CAN EVERYONE ACCEPT THE TRUTH...

PLEASE TELL US, SHIRO-SAN.

TELL US EVERYTHING.

AND THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

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I understand...

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Shiro!

Shiro!

Hey Shiro!

Let me tell you...

What really happened that day...

Let me tell you the truth behind the accident.

SCREECH

ARE THE CABLES ALREADY LAID OUT?

Ah, MOSTLY.

I'M SO HAPPY.

YOU'RE STILL WORKING HARD, RYOKO.

D.D YOU COME OVER TO PLAY WITH ME?

SHIRO!

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AS LONG AS THERE ARE COILS, THINGS LIKE DAMS... NO, EVEN ELECTRICITY COMPANIES ARE OBSOLETE.

SOON THIS NOTION WILL SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD THROUGH THE MEDIA.

WE FINALLY MANAGED TO FINISH IN TIME...

THE DAM'S IMPOUNDMENT CEREMONY IS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...

IT WILL LOOK REALLY PRETTY.

WE EVEN PAVED THE HOUSES WITH NO ONE IN THEM. NOW ALL THE CABLES ARE CONNECTED, AND WE CAN LIGHT UP EVERYTHING IN THE VILLAGE AT ONCE.

INCLUDING THE STREET-LIGHTS.

I SEE, IS THAT SO.

HARUKA-CHAN IS AT THE GYM IN THE BACK. RIGHT NOW SHE'S MAKING THE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COILS.

...WHERE'S SENSE?

BECAUSE I KNEW THIS PLAN WOULD BE STOPPED, IT COULD NEVER SUCCEED.

AT THAT TIME MY HEART WAS FULL OF DOUBT

MEANIE—

YOU HAVE TO FINISH THE WORK HERE BEFORE YOU CAN LEAVE.

NO,

I WANT TO GO TOO.

AH,

SHOULD I JUST SAY IT HONESTLY AND CONVINCE HER TO GIVE UP...

SHIRO!

IF YOU'RE HERE, JUST GIVE ME A CALL.

ALTHOUGH I'M OLDER THAN YOU BY THREE YEARS,

IT WOULD BE BAD IF I DISTRACTED YOU,

SENSEI.

I'M STILL AN INTERN, DON'T CALL ME SENSEI!

I'M STILL A STUDENT, YOU'RE ALREADY A VERY AWESOME TEACHER.

JUST CALL ME HARUKA LIKE USUAL, WE DID GROW UP TOGETHER.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

BUT I'M FINE ALREADY, THE DOCTOR GAVE ME A COUPLE STITCHES.

I ACCIDENTALLY SCRAPED IT WHILE WORKING..

...OH, THIS?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR LEFT ARM?

HM?

MITANI-SAN.

AH HA HA, YOU TWO GET ALONG SO WELL.

WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG WEREN'T YOU ALSO A CRYBABY?

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

BE MORE CAREFUL, HARUKA. NOT ONLY IS YOUR BODY WEAK, YOU'RE ALSO QUITE CLUMSY.

SO YOU'RE THAT KAMIKI-SAN.

I SEE.

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

AND THIS IS...

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU, THIS IS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND, KAMIKI SHIRO.

I IMMEDIATELY HAD A BAD FEELING ABOUT THAT MAN.

..NICE TO MEET YOU.

I'M THE LUCKY REPORTER WITH THE HONOR OF HAVING AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW DURING THIS REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

CCTV'S MITANI KATSUSHI.

THIS COIL.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOU BEING ABLE TO BORROW SOMETHING SO POWERFUL...

THANK YOU.

THIS MOVEMENT WILL DEFINITELY BE A SUCCESS.

SEEING HIM, I KNEW HE WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE THE ADULTS HAD SENT TO STOP US.

WITH THE CONDITION OF NOT MAKING IT PUBLIC BEFORE WE BEGIN THE PLAN...

I ASKED MY TEACHER TO LEND IT TO ME TEMPORARILY

THE COILS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE UNTIL NOW WERE ALL SPECIAL OBJECTS USED BY RESEARCHERS. THERE SHOULDN'T BE A LOT OF THEM EITHER.

OTHER PEOPLE PROBABLY COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE USING REAL COILS.

I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO GIVE THIS KIND OF BIG NEWS TO OTHER PEOPLE.

OF COURSE.

MITANI-SAN WILL ALSO KEEP THIS SECRET FOR US, RIGHT?

Dimension W4

EH?

ARE YOU GOING BACK, SHIRO?

IF I MADE A FUSS THERE WAS ALSO THE DANGER OF THE NEWS BEING LEAKED.

IT'S TRUE THAT THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF THE NEWS LEAKING OUT,

BUT I WAS STILL SUSPICIOUS OF THIS MAN.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED...

THAT'S TRUE...

...SORRY, I STILL HAVE TO GO BACK AND DEAL WITH MY FATHER.

SORRY.

COILS WILL BECOME COMMON SOONER OR LATER; THE ELECTRICITY COMPANIES SHUTTING DOWN IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT.

IT'S FINE.

WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO WILL PROBABLY PUT YOUR FATHER IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION...

BUT I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THE WEATHER...

YES, TOMO-RROW AT 7..

YOU'LL DO IT TOMOR-ROW?

THE STORM IS ABOUT TO COME.

突然の大雨に注意。

ONI-SAN, ONI-SAN,

THE TV SAID IT MIGHT RAIN TODAY.

REALLY?

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THE ADULTS WILL MAKE THEIR MOVE

TODAY DEFINITELY.

SHOYA

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ARE YOU GOING OUT, ONII-SAN?

WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING TO DO TO STOP HARUKA?

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

SIREN... RUN AWAY...

SHOYA

AS LONG AS YOU TURN ON THE SIREN A COUPLE TIMES THEY'LL GET SCARED AND RUN AWAY.

WELL, THEY ARE STILL JUST A BUNCH OF KIDS AFTER ALL.

I HAVE TO HURRY AND TELL HARUKA AND THE OTHERS...!

THE NUMBER ONE DAM!

RE... RELEASE!?

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WHO WAS ON NIGHT DUTY TODAY AGAIN?

BUT THEY'LL PROBABLY RELEASE IT A LITTLE BIT.

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AFTER GOING DOWN THE HILL AND CROSSING A RIVER, IT'S THE PLACE WHERE THE COIL IS, EVEN IF IT RAINS IT'LL BE FINE.

THE CLOUDS LOOK REALLY HEAVY...IS THIS REALLY ALL RIGHT?

COME,

LET'S FINISH RECORDING AND HURRY BACK..

TALK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW BEFORE STARTING THE PLAN.

THAT'S RIGHT,

USING THE FRESHLY-BUILT DAM IN THE BACKGROUND,

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO RECORD SOMEWHERE LIKE THIS?

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WHAT A BIG LIGHTNING STORM!

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AHH!

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I WONDER IF EVERYONE IS ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE...

YES, IT IS.

WHAT A TERRIBLE STORM.

DAMN!

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I HAVE TO HURRY AND TELL HARUKA...

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HARUKA!?

HARUKA!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HARUKA?

JUST... JUST NOW...

I...

I...

SHIRO...

SHI...

KILLED...

KILLED SOMEONE!!!

...THINGS WENT COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL FROM THAT POINT, AND THE CHAIN OF NEGATIVITY STARTED.

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